

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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29. (Previously presented) An interactive program guide that provides access to content from a plurality of available media types, the interactive program guide comprising:

means for designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

means for designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session independently from designating a favorite channel; and

means for providing a user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types.

30. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 29, wherein the means for providing the user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types comprises:

means for displaying a list of channels comprising at least one favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

means for providing the user with the ability to select any favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

31. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 30, wherein the means for providing the user with the ability to select any favorite channel further comprises moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

32. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 29, wherein the means for providing the user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types comprises:

means for displaying a flip display, wherein the flip display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

means for tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

33. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 29, wherein the means for providing the user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types comprises:

means for displaying a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

means for tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

34. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 29, wherein the means for designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session comprises designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

35. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 29 further comprising means for providing the user with the ability to store information about at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

36. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 29, wherein each of the plurality of the available media types is selected from a group consisting of television, video, music, audio, video-on-demand, digital audio, and games media types.

37. (Previously presented) An interactive program guide that provides access to content from a plurality of available media types, the interactive program guide comprising:

means for designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

means for designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session independently from designating a favorite channel; and

means for displaying to a user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types, wherein each favorite channel listing is selectable by the user.

38. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 37, wherein the means for

displaying to the user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types comprises:

means for displaying a list of channels comprising a single favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

means for providing the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

39. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 38, wherein the means for providing the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel comprises moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

40. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 37, wherein the means for displaying to the user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types comprises:

means for displaying a flip display, wherein the flip display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

means for tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

41. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 37, wherein the means for displaying to the user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types comprises:

means for displaying a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

means for tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

42. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 37, wherein the means for designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type comprises means for designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

43. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 37 further comprising means for providing the user with the ability to store

information about a single favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

44. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 37, wherein each of the plurality of available media types is selected from a group consisting of television, video, music, audio, video-on-demand, digital audio, and games media types.

45. (Previously presented) A method for providing access to content from a plurality of media types with an interactive program guide comprising:

designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session independently from designating a favorite channel; and

providing a user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types.

46. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 45, wherein providing the user with the ability to

select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types comprises:

displaying a list of channels comprising at least one favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

providing the user with the ability to select any favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

47. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 46, wherein providing the user with the ability to select any favorite channel comprises moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

48. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 45, wherein providing the user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types comprises:

displaying a flip display, wherein the flip display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.



49. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 45, wherein providing a user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media type comprises:

displaying a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

50. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 45, wherein designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session comprises designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

51. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 45 further comprising providing the user with the ability to store information about at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

52. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 45, wherein each of the plurality of the available media types is selected from a group consisting of television, video, music, audio, video-on-demand, digital audio, and games media types.

53. (Previously presented) A method for providing access to content from a plurality of media types with an interactive program guide comprising:

designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session independently from designating a favorite channel; and

displaying to a user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types, wherein each favorite channel listing is selectable by the user.

54. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 53, wherein displaying to the user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types comprises:

displaying a list of channels comprising a single favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

providing the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

55. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 54, wherein providing the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel comprises moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

56. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 53, wherein displaying to the user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types comprises:

displaying a flip display, wherein the flip display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

57. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 53, wherein displaying to the user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types comprises:

displaying a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

58. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 53, wherein designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session comprises designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

59. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 53 further comprising providing the user with the ability to store information about a single favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

60. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 53, wherein each of the plurality of available media

types is selected from a group consisting of television, video, music, audio, video-on-demand, digital audio, and games media types.

61. (Previously presented) A system for providing access to content from a plurality of available media types, the system comprising:

- a user input device configured to accept user selections; and

- user equipment configured to:

- designate at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

- designate at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session independently from designating a favorite channel;
- and

- provide a user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types.

62. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 61, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

display a list of channels comprising at least one favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

provide the user with the ability to select any favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

63. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 62, wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to select any favorite channel by moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

64. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 61, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

display a flip display, wherein the flip display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tune the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

65. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 61, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

display a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tune the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

66. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 61, wherein the user equipment is further configured to designate media types associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

67. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 61 wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to store information about at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

68. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 61, wherein each of the plurality of the available media types is selected from a group consisting of

television, video, music, audio, video-on-demand, digital audio, and games media types.

69. (Previously presented) A system that provides access to content from a plurality of available media types, the system comprising:

- a user input device configured to accept user selections; and

- user equipment configured to:

- designate at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

- designate at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user selectable period of time independently from designating a favorite channel; and

- display to a user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types, wherein each favorite channel listing is selectable by the user.

70. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 69, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:



display a list of channels comprising a single favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

provide the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

71. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 70, wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel by moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

72. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 69, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

display a flip display, wherein the flip display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tune the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

73. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 69, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

display a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

74. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 69, wherein the user equipment is further configured to designate a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

75. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to store information about a single favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

76. (Previously presented) The system defined in claim 69, wherein each of the plurality of available media types is selected from a group consisting of television,

video, music, audio, video-on-demand, digital audio, and games media types.

77. (Previously presented) The system of claim 29 wherein the user selectable period of time comprises a current viewing session.

78. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37 wherein the user selectable period of time comprises a current viewing session.

79. (Previously presented) The method of claim 45 wherein the designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user selectable period of time comprises designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session.

80. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53 wherein the designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user selectable period of time comprises designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session.

81. (Previously presented) The system of claim 61 wherein the user selectable period of time is a current viewing session.

82. (Previously presented) The system of claim 69 wherein the user selectable period of time is a current viewing session.

83. (Previously presented) A method of providing program information for constrained favorite channels in an interactive program guide for providing a plurality of channels of a plurality of media types, the media types including at least two media types from the group consisting of television, video on demand, music, games, and data, the method comprising:

allowing a user to select a plurality of favorite channels, the selected favorite channels including channels of a first media type and channels of a second media type; and

displaying program information for the selected favorite channels upon user request, wherein:

when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user, the interactive program guide

displays program information for all selected favorite channels, and when a preferred media type has been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays program information for favorite channels of the preferred media type, and excludes from display, program information for the favorite channels that are not of the preferred media type.

84. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 83 further comprising:

displaying a flip display upon user request, wherein the flip display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

85. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 83 further comprising:

displaying a browse display upon user request, wherein the browse display comprises program information

for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

86. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 83 further comprising allowing the user to designate a current channel as a preferred media type.

87. (Previously presented) A method of providing access to content from constrained favorite channels in an interactive program guide for providing a plurality of channels of a plurality of media types, the media types including at least two media types from the group consisting of television, video on demand, music, games, and data, the method comprising:

allowing a user to select a plurality of favorite channels, the selected favorite channels including channels of a first media type and channels of a second media type; and

displaying a single favorite channel listing comprising a plurality of selected favorite channels and allowing the user to select a favorite channel from the single favorite channel listing for display, wherein:

when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays a single favorite channel listing comprising all selected favorite channels, and when a preferred media type has been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays a single favorite channel listing comprising selected favorite channels of the preferred media type, and excludes from the single favorite channel listing, selected favorite channels that are not of the preferred media type.

88. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 87, further comprising:

displaying a flip display upon user request, wherein the flip display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

89. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 87, further comprising:

displaying a browse display upon user request, wherein the browse display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

90. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 87 further comprising allowing the user to designate a current channel as a preferred media type.

91. (Previously presented) An interactive program guide for providing a plurality of channels of a plurality of media types that provides program information for constrained favorite channels, the media types including at least two media types from the group consisting of



television, video on demand, music, games, and data, the interactive program guide comprising:

user equipment configured to:

allow a user to select a plurality of favorite channels, the selected favorite channels including channels of a first media type and channels of a second media type; and

means for displaying program information for the selected favorite channels upon user request, wherein:

when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays program information for all selected favorite channels, and when a preferred media type has been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays program information for favorite channels of the preferred media type, and excludes from display, program information for the favorite channels that are not of the preferred media type.

92. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 91 further comprising:

means for displaying a flip display upon user request, wherein the flip display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite

channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

means for tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

93. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 91 further comprising:

means for displaying a browse display upon user request, wherein the browse display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

means for tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

94. (Previously presented) The interactive program guide defined in claim 91 further comprising means

for allowing the user to designate a current channel as a preferred media type.

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107. (New) Machine-readable media for providing access to content from a plurality of available media types, the media comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for:

designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session independently from designating a favorite channel; and

providing a user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types.

108. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 107 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for:

displaying a list of channels comprising at least one favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

providing the user with the ability to select any favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

109. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 107 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

110. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 107 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for:

displaying a flip display, wherein the flip display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

111. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 107 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for:

displaying a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

112. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 107 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

113. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 107 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for providing the user with the ability to store information about at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

114. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 107, wherein each of the plurality of the available media types is selected from a group consisting of television, video, music, audio, video-on-demand, digital audio, and game media types.

115. (New) Machine-readable media for providing access to content from a plurality of available media types, the media comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for:

designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session independently from designating a favorite channel; and

displaying to a user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types, wherein each favorite channel listing is selectable by the user.

116. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 115 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for:

displaying a list of channels comprising a single favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

providing the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

117. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 115 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for providing the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel comprises moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

118. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 115 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for:

displaying a flip display, wherein the flip display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

119. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 115 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for:

displaying a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

120. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 115 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

121. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 115 further comprising machine-readable instructions recorded thereon for providing the user with the ability to store information about a single favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

122. (New) The machine-readable media defined in claim 115, wherein each of the plurality of available media types is selected from a group consisting of television, video, music, audio, video-on-demand, digital audio, and game media types.